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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

1. Introductory Comments

This is a response to the restriction/election requirement mailed July 18, 2003, in the above-captioned patent application. The Examiner identified eight (8) groups of inventions in the patent application: Group 1, which consists of claims 1-36; Group 2 which consists of claims 37-40; Group 3 which consists of claims 41-43; Group 4 which consists of claims 44-46; Group 5 which consists of claims 47-51; Group 6 which is claims 52-58; Group 7 which consists of claims 59-60; and Group 8 which consists of claims 61-64. Applicant respectfully traverses this restriction/election requirement, as explained below, but elects to prosecute Invention Group VI under this application (Claims 52-58), with traverse.